



WAKKER WEEKLY, No. 1515, February 10, 2020  
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**Hours of Operation**

Monday - Thursday: 11:00 AM - Midnight  
Friday - Saturday: 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM  
Sunday: Noon – 9:00 PM



**BUSHWAKKER NEWS**

**NEWS FROM THE BREWERY!** Head brewer, **Michael Gaetz**, reports our seasonally available **BLACKBERRY MEAD, DOUBLE HONEY IMPERIAL IRISH RED ALE, SASKADIAN BLACK IPA, KAI'S MUNICH HELLES** and **CRANBERRY BLONDE ALE** are currently on tap. There are also batches of **RASPBERRY BLONDE ALE, TWO SON'S MILK STOUT, SWEET TART CHERRY DRY STOUT, PREMIUM PALE ALE** and **ARCTIC DARK MUNICH DUNKEL** working their way through the brewery.

Our **February Valentine's month Premium Wine Features** include **THE LONG LITTLE DOG** white wine from France (\$7.95 for a glass and \$21.95 for a half litre) and the **GNARLY HEAD** old vine zinfandel from California (\$8.95 for a glass and \$23.95 for a half litre.)

Our **GUEST TAP** is currently pouring a **CRANBERRY SAISON** from Swift Current's Black Bridge Brewery. Next up is a **WINTER KETTLE SOUR** from Nokomis Craft Ales. This will be followed by a **DUNKELWEIZEN** from Saskatoon's High Key Brewing, a **DOUBLE IPA** from Black Bridge and then a **RASPBERRY KIWI SOUR IPA** from Malty National.

**THE BUSHWAKKER GOODNESS IS SPREADING! ALL SIX REGINA SLGA stores** offer a varied selection of Bushwacker beers in 650 ml bottles. The Quance Street SLGA store is also offering growler fills of our number one selling **DUNGARVON IRISH RED ALE**. Regina's **Urban Cellars** east location and **Metro Liquor** also offer a selection of our bottled beers.



The Bushwacker **LOCAL ARTIST WALL** for the month of February features the works of **HALEY GARTNER**. Her artist biography is as follows:

*Art has always been a way for me to express myself when I can't find the right words. Starting with oil paintings as an undergrad and now developing into digital illustrations. My current work is focused on strong, diverse and passionate women who fight for women's rights across the world. Personally, I struggle with body confidence and find great strength in the women who own their bodies and help others to*

*find the strength within themselves to do the same. I am hoping that with my illustrations I can help everyone love and accept themselves and want to own how gorgeous they are inside and out. Currently I do freelance illustrations while working as a full time graphic designer at Ayden Creative! Check out my Instagram account to follow along with my illustrations and creative process @haley.gartner*

**BUSHWAKKER EVENTS**

**Feb. 7: FIRST FIRKIN FRIDAY.** A decades-old Bushwacker tradition! A piper from the Regina Police Services Pipes and Drums leads a keg of special brew in a procession throughout the brewpub. A guest volunteer is selected to wield the handmade wooden maul affectionately referred to as *The Mighty Firkin Wakker* and attempt to tap the firkin in one mighty blow. This month firkin offering is a **ESPRESSO COFFEE SASKADIAN BLACK IPA**. A unique collaboration we created with Regina's **Caliber Coffee Roasters**. The delicious suds-soaking experience takes place at 5:30 PM.

**Feb. 8: SASKATCHEWAN CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL.** The first ever Regina craft beer festival hosted by the Saskatchewan Craft Brewers Association! Showcasing truly unique beers brewed by independent breweries across Saskatchewan. Host venue is the German Club. Tickets are \$25 available online at Eventbrite. 4:00 PM.



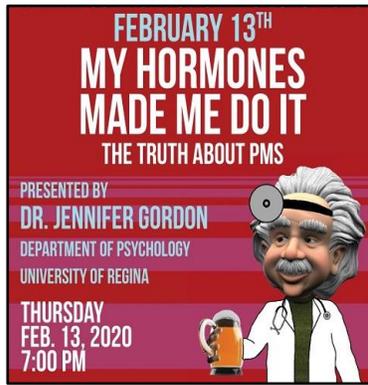
**Feb. 9: CECILIAN CHAMBER SERIES STEAK NIGHT FUNDRAISER.** Enjoy a small Saskatchewan Hot Plate and a half pint of any regular Bushwacker beer plus a performance from the **Trent Reschny Quartet**. Raffle draws and 50/50. 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Tickets are only \$35 each and are available at [www.cecilianchamberseries.ca](http://www.cecilianchamberseries.ca).

**Feb. 10: Monday Night Jazz & Blues. 8's ENUFF.** Powerhouse mini big band delivers intense jazz and swing. 8:00 PM.

**Feb. 12: Wednesday Night Folk. THE LINCOLN LOGGERS.** Lively music from this lumberjack-themed group. 8:00 PM.

**Feb: 13: SCIENCE PUB – "My hormones made me do it: the truth about PMS."** Our wildly popular Science Pub Series has returned for an eighth incredible season! Enjoy lectures on scientific topics of general interest in both our Arizona Room (main floor banquet room) and basement clubroom over fine craft beer and award-winning pub cuisine. The room opens at 5:00 PM. Avoid disappointment and come down early for dinner and a pint before the presentation which begins at 7:00 PM. This month's lecture will be presented by **Dr. Jennifer Gordon, Department of Psychology, University of Regina, CIHR Canada Research Chair in Women's Mental Health.** Popular opinion suggests that most, if not all,

women suffer from moderate to severe premenstrual syndrome (a.k.a. PMS), becoming emotionally sensitive, irritable, and irrational for several days out of every month. To what extent is this view correct? How much do hormones like estrogen and progesterone really affect women's daily mood? Come to this talk to find out what science has to say on the matter!



**Feb. 14: Bushwakker Vintage Valentines Dinner.** Enjoy our Retro Romantic Menu featuring some classic courtship cuisine including: **Steak Madagascar, Stuffed Cornish Game Hen, Shrimp Scampi, Bibb Green Goddess Salad, Chocolate Silk Cheesecake and Mini Baked Alaska.** Fancy-schmancy restaurants may be the choice destination for some folks. Others who prefer great value and delicious food in a comforting and cozy setting often prefer to have their Valentine's experience with us. Full regular menu also available. RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED!



**Feb. 17: FAMILY DAY.** Open from noon to nine. No band tonight.  
**Feb. 19: Wednesday Night Folk. BRADFORD.** Talented acoustic guitar/vocal duo featuring Brad Papp and Mark Radford. 8:00 PM.

**The Mystery of the Banded Peak Buy-Out** By: Jason Foster

Very recently news broke that Calgary's Banded Peak Brewing was being purchased by AB-Inbev (ABI), the world's largest brewing corporation. Details on the deal remain scant (and likely will for a long time). The Banded Peak boys released a statement with the usual glowing optimism and lack of detail that comes with these deals and ABI is, as usual, remaining mute. (Media reports are saying that Labatt was the buyer but I refuse to be fooled by the ruse – Labatt is ABI's wholly owned Canadian arm.) However, many questions abound. There was widespread surprise across the industry at this announcement. Not that ABI had bought a small craft brewery – there have been rumours for weeks now that they have been trying to land a deal with someone – but at WHICH brewery ended up being their target. Had there been a betting line, Banded Peak would be an odds-maker's nightmare.

I don't have any firm answers (as I say lots of sealed lips), but I put on my thinking cap to try to make sense of this. Let me explore the what, the why and the what does it mean questions. First, for those not familiar with Banded Peak, they are a small Calgary-based craft brewery that opened in 2016 in what is now known as the Barley Belt. Three homebrewing friends – Alex Horner, Colin McLean and Matthew Berard – were the force behind it. The brewery quickly built a reputation for solidly made beer and strong marketing around an outdoors-based theme. The what behind the deal is partially known. We know it is a complete buy-out, but that ABI will keep the three owners and staff around to operate the brewery. For now. We have seen this play out elsewhere. Often the original owners drift away after some time, for a range of reasons. It is, obviously, too early to know if that will be the case here.

The price tag is undisclosed but I would be floored to hear it was more than a couple million – which is chump change for ABI. But that alone gives us our first answer to why the deal went down. Banded Peak was financed through a combination of self-financing and a start-up loan. I am not privy to Banded Peak's books, but I wouldn't be surprised if, despite (and maybe because) of early success, cash flow was a challenge. But mostly you can't blame three young business-savvy guys to see the offer sheet, recognize the HUGE return on initial investment it represented and sign before it went away. The why on Banded Peak's side is easy to assess. The harder question is why ABI wanted a young start-up rather than one of a handful of more established breweries in the province. Banded Peak produced about 3,000 hectolitres last year (the Edmonton Labatt plant can produce four times that in a day). This purchase is really small potatoes for ABI. So why?

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**TIME OUT- YET ONE MORE DOCTOR STORY**

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die." "Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant at all times. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores. Don't discuss your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse. No nagging. And most importantly, make love with your husband several times a week. If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely." On the way home, the husband asked his wife. "What did the doctor say?" "He said you're going to die," she replied.

**Our February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Weekend Special Dining Feature is a Deluxe Prime Rib Burger. \$19.95**

**Soup & Sandwich Special is \$13.95. All hot specials are \$16.95, except where noted, & include a serving of soup du jour, house, or Caesar salad.**

	Soup	Sandwich	Hot Special	Beer Pairing
Fri., Feb. 7	Split Pea & Ham	Cod Burger	Roast Porkloin w/ Apple Mashed Potato	Saskadian Black IPA
Sat., Feb. 8 & Sun., Feb. 9	Bushwakker	Prime Rib Pretzel Bun	<b>Steak &amp; a Pint. \$21.95</b>	
Mon., Feb. 10	Minestrone	Chicken Parmesan Sandwich	Blackened Chicken Fettucine	Dungarvon Irish Red Ale
Tues., Feb. 11	Caldo De Pollo	Pulled Pork Calzone	Hanger Steak Noddle Bowl	Palliser Porter
Wed., Feb. 12	Beef Noodle	Roast Veggie Wrap	Pork Pot Pie	Sodbuster Brown Ale
Thur., Feb. 13	Cajun Seafood	Pacific Chicken Burger	Jamaican Beef Curry	Saskadian Black IPA
Fri., Feb. 14	Jalapeno Corn Chowder	Chipotle Beef Wrap	Chicken Enchiladas	Regina Pale Ale
Sat., Feb. 15 & Sun., Feb. 16	Bushwakker	Ham & Cheese Muffaletta	<b>Steak &amp; a Pint. \$21.95</b>	

We strive to ensure all weekly specials and soups are made available. Product shortages or unforeseen circumstances may result in modification or even substitution of certain featured menu items.